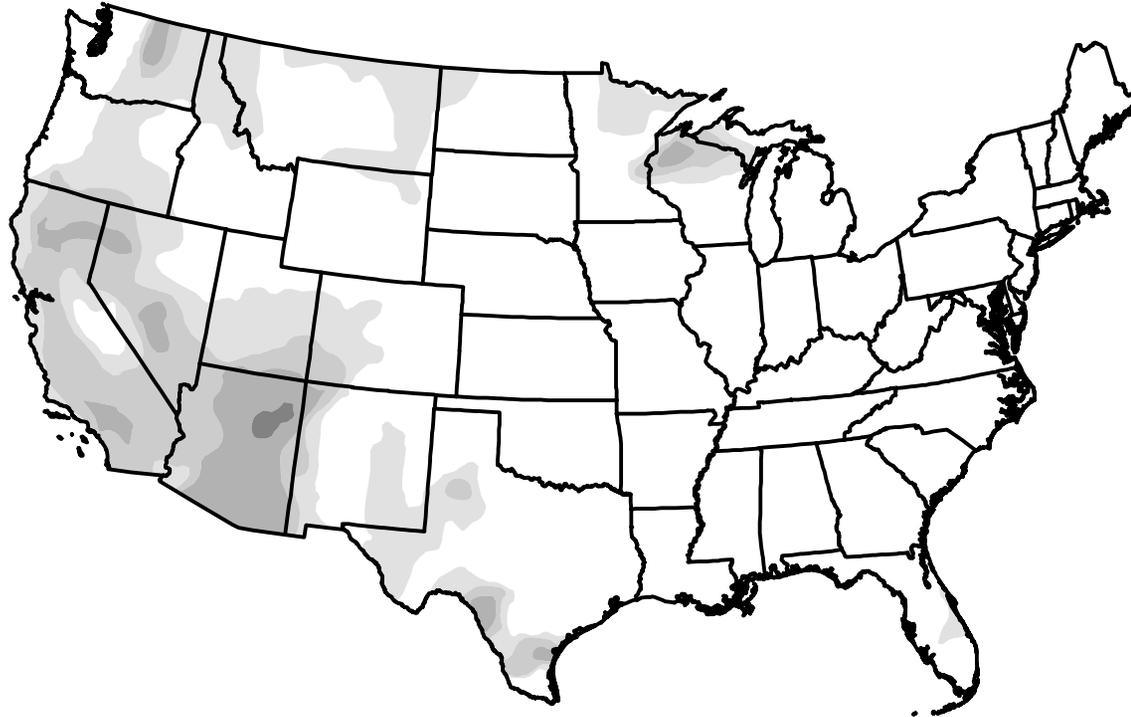


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 22, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.38	15.06	6.95	3.42	0.17	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	74.26	15.11	6.85	3.59	0.17	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	70.53	16.63	7.61	3.91	1.03	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	61.13	22.70	10.91	4.20	0.75	0.31
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	68.40	18.98	7.38	4.13	0.86	0.23
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	57.89	24.98	11.44	4.53	0.85	0.31

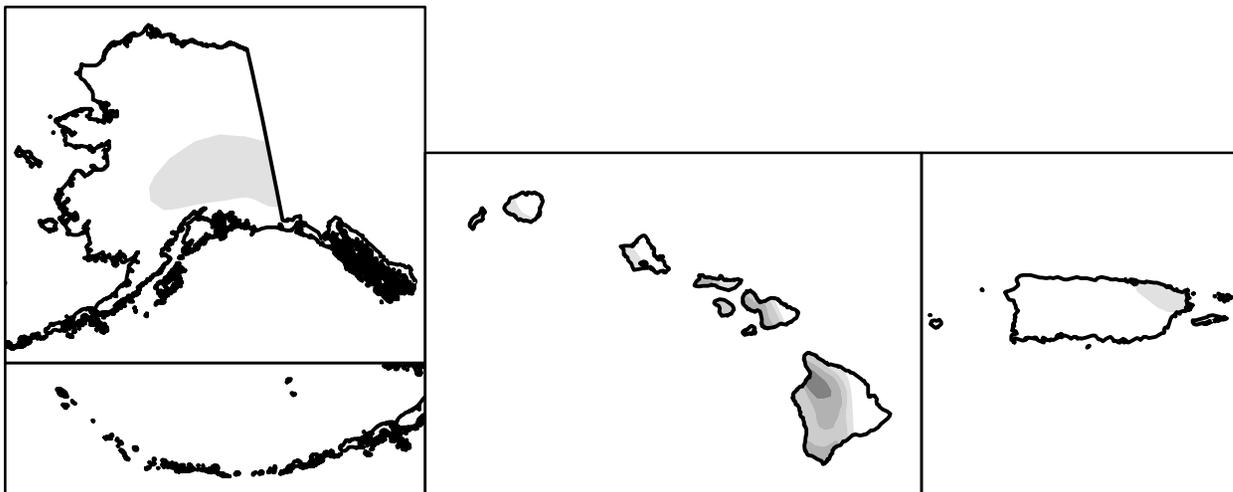
***Intensity:***



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